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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear FDA Administrators,

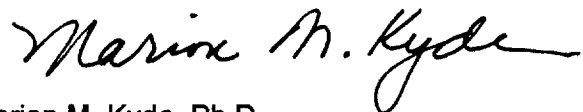
I am very concerned and upset by the memorandum of understanding recently drafted by the FDA concerning pharmacy compounding. I feel it severely restricts my choices in purchasing compounded medicines. I fear, as drafted, it would not allow me access to the special natural drugs that my doctor has prescribed for me, and which I am unable to get in their precise form at my local compounding drugstore.

Moreover, I think it would cost me a lot of money if the memorandum is not changed. One of the items that my doctor prescribed was available at my local store for approximately \$50. By having my doctor call in a prescription to a specialty compounding pharmacy in another state that fills hundreds of similar prescriptions, I was able to purchase the same natural compound for \$8.61. I would not be able to afford to continue this medicine at \$50. The memorandum wouldn't let me get my medicine from another state by mail. This would have very serious health repercussions for me; I'm certain I'm not the only one in that predicament..

The FDA is supposed to be looking out for the interests and welfare of citizens of the U.S. I can't see that the proposed memorandum is looking out for anybody except the large drug manufacturers. It is certainly not looking out for people like me who have special needs that the large drug companies are not meeting. In fact this proposed memorandum will have decided negative impact on my health and my right to the medicines of my choice.

It also limits my right to choose a pharmacist I can trust, or a pharmacy that my doctor relies on. This infringes on my rights as a citizen. The memorandum must be amended.

Yours truly,

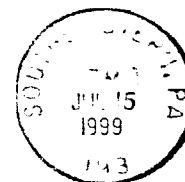


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